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SUMMARY: AT THE SEPTEMBER 9 MEETING OF THE GENERAL WORKING GROUP, NEGOTIATIONS WERE COMPLETED ON THE SOFA. DISCUSSION CONTINUED ON GENERAL ACCESS AND ENTRY/EXIT TOPICS AND CONSIDERATION OF COST SHARING AND TRANSIT CARGO TOPICS WERE DEFERRED TO THE NEXT GENERAL WORKING GROUP MEETING.
END SUMMARY

1. US AND GREEK SIDES CONFIRMED AGREEMENT ON THE
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REFORMULATION OF PARA 1, ART. VII OF THE SOFA (REF B).

THIS COMPLETED NEGOTIATIONS ON THE SOFA AND GREEKS STATED THAT THEY WOULD PROVIDE GREEK LANGUAGE VERSION OF THE ENGLISH TEXT BY END OF WEEK.

2. IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF B, WE DEFERRED DISCUSSION OF PARA 1, ART. IX OF THE COMMAND AND CONTROL APPENDIX AT THIS MEETING. THE GREEK SIDE HOPED THAT WE WOULD BE READY TO DISCUSS THIS MATTER AT THE NEXT MEETING OF THE GENERAL WORKING GROUP.

3. GREEKS STATED THAT THEY WERE NOT PREPARED TO DISCUSS THE COST SHARING LANGUAGE PREVIOUSLY PROPOSED BY THE US (REF A) UNTIL THE NEXT WORKING GROUP MEETING, EVEN THOUGH THE US FORMULATION APPEARED VERY CLOSE TO WHAT THEY HAD IN MIND.

4. GENERAL ACCESS. US SIDE TABLES REFORMULATION OF PARA 1 OF GENERAL ACCESS ARTICLE AS RECOMMENDED BY REF A AND APPROVED BY REF B. GREEKS RESPONDED THAT IT WOULD BE STUDIES TO DETERMINE IF THEIR ACCEPTANCE WOULD ALSO REQUIRE FURTHER SCRUTINY OF THE MISSIONS OF MILITARY AND SUPPORTING FACILITIES STATED IN THE ANNEXES OF THE FACILITY APPENDICES. TIME DEVOTED TO THIS AND OTHER ISSUES PRECLUDED DISCUSSION OF PARAGRAPH 2.

5. POINTS OF ENTRY. GREEKS CONFIRMED ACCEPTANCE OF PROVISIONS IN HELLENIKON APPENDIX (ATHENS 8408, ART IV, PARA 1) AND IRAKLION APPENDIX (ATHENS 8407, ART. X, PARA 1) BUT WERE NOT CONVINCED OF THE NEED FOR A SIMILAR PROVISION IN THE SUDA ANNES. THEY WISHED TO CONSIDER FURTHER THE US PROPOSAL BEFORE CONTINUING DISCUSSIONS OF THIS TOPIC AT THE NEXT WORKING GROUP MEETING.

6. THE GENERAL WORKING GROUP IS SCHEDULED TO MEET AGAIN ON SEPTEMBER 10.
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